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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 15194

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, JA  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY PERSONNEL CHANGES

REF: ALGIERS 2427 (NOTAL)

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS HIROMICHI MIYAZAKI IS SCHEDULED TO REPLACE BUNROKU YOSHINO AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONCERNED CHIEFLY WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS. YOSHINO WILL BECOME AMBASSADOR TO BONN.

2. A CAREER DIPLOMAT SINCE 1940, YOSHINO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FONOFF'S FINEST OFFICERS. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN HELPING TO COORDINATE THE DEVELOPED NATIONS' ECONOMIC POLICIES AND IN FORMULATING THE GOJ APPROACH TO NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS. IN MID-1976 HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S., JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES TO FACILITATE AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND THAT THESE THREE NATIONS SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR STABILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. HE HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS ECONOMIC-RELATED MEETINGS SUCH AS UNCTAD IV (MID-1976); JAPAN-EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TRADE CONFERENCES; AND MEETINGS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY COMMODITIES OF THE CIEC. HE HAS HAD SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS IN WASHINGTON (1953-56; 1960-61; 1968-70) AND  
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STUDIED AT HARVARD IN 1960. HE SERVED IN GERMANY AS A STUDENT (1941-45) AND AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY (1961-1964). AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FONO F'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DURING 1971-72, HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE REVERSION OF OKINAWA TO JAPAN IN MAY 1972.

3. YOSHINO IS WELL-LIKED AND RESPECTED. BOTH BY HIS  
FONOFF COLLEAGUES AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. HE HAS A GOOD  
COMMAND OF ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED AND HE AND HIS WIFE,  
SETSUKO, HAVE A SON AND A DAUGHTER. HE COMES ACROSS  
AS PLEASANT AND MILD-MANNERED, BUT IS A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR  
AND BUREAUCRATIC INFIGHTER WHEN THE OCCASION  
DEMANDS.

4. INR/OIL/B: SUGGEST ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL  
ON YOSHINO BE FORWARDED TO BONN.  
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